

**Amendment To The Drawings**

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## **REMARKS**

### **1. Status of Claims**

Claims 1-16 were pending in the Application. Claims 8-16 stand allowed by the Examiner. Applicants have canceled claims 1-7 without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicants have added new claims 17-25. Applicants respectfully request entry of the above amendments and consideration of the enclosed remarks. Applicants submit that no new matter is added. Accordingly, claims 8-25 will remain pending in the application.

### **2. Rejections under 35 USC § 102**

In section 3 of the Office Action, the Examiner rejected Claims 1-7 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as allegedly anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,045,860 to Hodson ("Hodson '860").

In order to expedite prosecution, Applicants have canceled claims 1-7 without prejudice or disclaimer and the rejection is moot.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the rejection of claims 1-7.

### **3. Allowable Claims**

Applicants appreciate the indication in section 1 of the Office Action, that claims 8-16 are allowable over the prior art of record.

### **4. New Claims**

Applicants have added new claims 17-25 that are similar to allowed claims 8-16 having the second location also ambiguously known. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that new claims 17-25 are patentable over the cited references.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the rejection and submit that the invention as presently claimed in claims 8-25 is patentable and in condition for allowance.

**5. Conclusion Of Remarks**

For at least the reasons stated above, it is respectfully submitted that the claims of this application are in condition for allowance and early and favorable action thereon is requested.

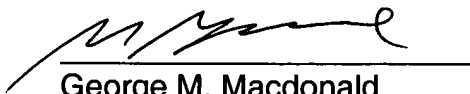
If the Examiner believes that additional issues may be resolved by a telephone interview, the Examiner is respectfully urged to telephone the undersigned attorney for Applicant at (203) 924-3180.

**6. Authorization**

No fee is believed due with this Amendment. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for the response or credit any overpayment to the Pitney Bowes, Inc. Deposit Account Number 16-1885, Order No. F-871.

In the event that an extension of time or additional extension of time is required to make this response timely filed, the Commissioner is requested to grant a petition for that extension of time which is required to make this response timely. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee for such an extension of time or credit any overpayment for an extension of time to the Pitney Bowes, Inc. Deposit Account Number 16-1885, Order No. F-871.

Respectfully submitted,



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